## PRESS RELEASE IOWA BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS (March 15, 2007)

Recently, the Iowa Board of Medical Examiners took the following action:

**Tobin E. Jacks, M.D.**, a 50 year-old general physician who formerly practiced in Knoxville, Iowa, had his Iowa medical license indefinitely suspended. On October 7, 1987, the Board placed Dr. Jacks on probation for five years due to substance abuse. The Board again placed Dr. Jacks on five years probation for substance abuse on August 10, 1995. On March 8, 2002, Dr. Jacks entered into a contract with the Iowa Physician Health Program (IPHP) for substance abuse monitoring. On September 2, 2004, the Board charged Dr. Jacks with diverting controlled substances that he prescribed to a co-worker for his own use. Dr. Jacks was ordered to pay a \$2,000 fine and complete a Board-approved prescribing course. On June 22, 2006, the Board charged Dr. Jacks with violating the terms of his Board order and with violating the terms of his IPHP substance abuse monitoring contract. On March 9, 2007, following a hearing before a panel of the Board, the Board issued a Final Order indefinitely suspending Dr. Jacks' Iowa medical license. He was also issued a Citation and Warning for substance abuse, he is indefinitely prohibited from prescribing controlled substances and he is required to pay an additional \$5,000 fine. Dr. Jacks may not seek reinstatement of his license for at least six months. If his license is reinstated, Dr. Jacks will be placed on indefinite probation with numerous substance abuse monitoring requirements.